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For: METAL STRUCTURE COMPATIBLE
WITH MRI IMAGING, AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A
STRUCTURE

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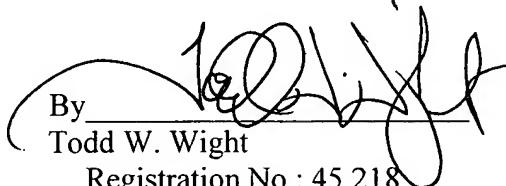
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